

## Program Assistance

Selecting the proper environmental professional for property transfer assessment, expert witness support, Brownfield development, or property sampling and testing may minimize your client's liability, or may make the difference between success and failure in court.

You must identify qualified individuals performing the environmental activities and litigation support that you require. The Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) program provides a registry to identify individuals providing environmental services in California.

Each registrant listed in the REA registry has been evaluated by the REA program staff and found to possess suitable education and experience for registration. The REA registry provides information about each registrant, including his or her professional areas of expertise.

The REA program staff is available to respond to your questions regarding the status of an Assessor's registration, complaints filed against an Assessor, or the areas of expertise of an Assessor.

The REA program is a valuable resource to assist you in finding the appropriate environmental professional to meet your needs as well as those of your clients.

The Registered Environmental Assessor II is registered by DTSC to conduct and direct site mitigation and investigation activities at hazardous waste and hazardous substance release sites.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

We maintain records on all assessors in your region. For a list of Registered Environmental Assessors, contact us at:

**REA Hotline**  
**916-324-6881**  
**Or visit [www.rea.ca.gov](http://www.rea.ca.gov)**

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# The Registered Environmental Assessor

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## The REA Program

In 1986, Senate Bill 1875 established a program identifying environmental professionals possessing sufficient education and experience providing environmental services to the regulated community and others.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) Registered Environmental Assessor program identifies environmental professionals who perform environmental activities including property assessment, risk analysis, soil and groundwater sampling and cleanup, air emissions testing, and CEQA/NEPA activities.

The REA I and II programs are voluntary registration programs for environmental professionals desiring to display their expertise. The REA registration demonstrates that the individual has met all the employment, education and environmental experience requirements for registration as an environmental professional.

Currently, more than 3,200 professionals have achieved REA I registration. Approximately 200 are registered at REA II status. The REA program will respond to complaints and may evaluate the work of REAs to ascertain whether their work is performed appropriately.



## The REA's Capabilities

All REA registrants have current experience assessing and evaluating environmental conditions. Each REA is certified as having expertise in one or more professional environmental areas, including:

- Environmental Site Assessment
- Air Emissions Monitoring or Testing
- Soil and Groundwater Contamination Investigation and Cleanup
- Waste Reduction and Treatment
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Risk Assessment and Reduction
- Underground Storage Tanks

These areas of expertise may be important when you or your client require assistance with environmental concerns such as:

- Property Transfers and Disclosure
- Expert Witness Testimony
- Contaminant Forensics
- Technical Analysis and Assistance

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## Classes of Registration

There are two classes of Registered Environmental Assessors, Class I or II. DTSC staff members evaluate each applicant to determine whether they possess the education and experience required by for registration at the requested level. Each class has significant experience performing environmental assessments and other environmental activities.

### REA I

The REA I is the basic level of registration for individuals possessing two to five years environmental assessing experience. Many have a degree in a biological or physical science, engineering, or law. The REA I frequently is a journey person and is authorized to conduct many environmental activities.

### REA II

The REA II is an advanced registration for professional with at least eight years environmental management experience. They all possess degrees in a biological or physical science, or engineering. Each REA II has at least four years experience directing contaminant investigation or cleanup projects during the past six years. These individuals frequently are company principals, or senior technical experts and scientists.

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*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our web site at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).*